IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Maria Laura Gennaro Examiner: Rodney P. Swartz

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Amendment

Sir:

This communication is being filed in response to the October 18, 2007 Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-referenced application. A response to the October 18, 2007 Final Office Action is due January 18, 2008. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination is also being filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.